AAFES, USAFE Services and Project CHEER have teamed up to provide free movies to single and unaccompanied members during the holidays. See page 2.



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Cantata

The Christmas Cantata is at 7 p.m. Sunday in the base chapel.

Ride home

People who need a ride home can call the Lajes Against Drunk Driving van at 2-LADD (2-5233) on base or 295-57-5233 from off base.

Phone bill tip

People going on temporary duty or leave for up to four months can have their phone service put "on hold" for that time. Visit the Portuguese Telecom outlet in the Portuguese terminal for more information

Road work

Contractors will be working on the water system in the road across the main road at gates 4 and 5, Beira Mar Housing beginning Monday. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during work.

CSAF survey

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force has tasked all bases to complete a survey on suicide prevention to help improve Air Force suicide prevention efforts. Supervisors, first sergeants and commanders should go to https://private.amc.af.mil/sg/sgpm/ids. Surveys must be completed by Dec. 17.

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- Days since last DUI 47
- **DUIs since Jan. 1** 3
- Current AEF 1 & 2 ■ Current FPCON Alpha
- Combat Nighthawk:Capt. Chris Boyd, 65th Comptroller Squadron; Master Sgt. John Liddel, 65th CPTS

Greetings for Lajes



John Popper played harmonica during one of Blues Traveler's songs at their performance here Sunday. The combined U.S. Air Force Reserve and U.S. Air Forces in Europe bands opened for Blues Traveler during the Operation Season's Greetings tour that kicked off at Lajes. Also performing with the bands were four of the New England Patriots Cheerleaders. OSG will visit Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases, Germany; Royal Air Force Menwith Hill and RAF Mildenhall, England; and Keflavik Air Base, Iceland. For photos of the event, see page 5. (Photo by James O'Rear)

Visitors look at Lajes

Welcome Mat team evaluates appearance, service

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi Chief, public affairs

A team representing an addition to the U. S. Air Forces in Europe's Combat and Special Interest programs visited Lajes Nov. 29-30.

Project Welcome Mat is an extension of Combat Proud and focuses on improving customer service and reception facilities.

"The Welcome Mat team visited Lajes to help identify projects that can improve these facilities," said Capt. Ed Liberman, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Maintenance Engineering Chief.

The USAFE staff team consisted of Col. Nancy Speake, USAFE Deputy Civil Engineer; Maj. Gary Dorman, USAFE/CE; Maj Mike Gallant, USAFE Finance; Capt. Chris Ferry, USAFE Security Forces and Capt. Teresa Warman, USAFE Services.

They visited the passenger terminal, lodging reception, the housing office, military personnel flight, traffic management office, pass and identification, finance and the family support

center.

"These areas are the first stops that newlyarriving personnel encounter at Lajes," Captain Liberman said. "They are the places that make first impressions about the way we operate and our standards of excellence."

The facilities were evaluated for interior and exterior appearance, customer service and general housekeeping.

"The visit went extremely well," the captain said. "Although there was no formal ranking of Lajes facilities compared to other USAFE bases that were visited, the feedback we received was very positive. It was evident Team Lajes shined."

The team visit kicked off the new program, and Lajes was one of eight USAFE bases to be visited by the team.

"This evaluation was a new look at our facilities; a visitor's perspective on how we serve our customers and receive our visitors," Captain Liberman said. "Their recommendations gave us specific projects we can execute to improve our facilities and service."



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Service Before Self - It's Bigger than Us!

Integrity first, Service before Self and Excellence in all we do — these are the Air Force core values.

Service before Self is often quoted but not always fully understood. It's frequently used as a catchphrase to motivate subordinates to do the less desirable jobs, but the real meaning is much deeper than this.

We are professional Airmen on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to guard and defend the freedom of America — a grave responsibility we should not take lightly. As Airmen, we belong to something much larger than our individual units. We're members of the USAFE team, which forms a vital part of our Air Force, and ultimately we're all Americans.

Laying aside our own agenda to accomplish the mission is the essence of Service before Self. It's the exact opposite of

careerism, where individuals only focus on what is best for their personal careers. It means doing all we can for our unit which translates to the success of the Air Force and America.

This core value is exemplified when Airmen willingly make personal sacrifices for the greater cause of our nation. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in defense of our freedom.

On the practical side, Service before Self means we follow the rules. Don't bend or break them for personal gain or gratification. It means we respect each other and value everyone's individual contributions to the team. Discipline and self-control are key elements that allow us to achieve this core value.

Finally, have faith in the system. When you think you know best and disregard

those above, you've lost faith in the system and place self before service.

One of the greatest strengths of America is our single unity of purpose. We have the freedom to voice our opinions and discuss national issues in our government. Often these can be very emotional and heated debates, but in the end America has always stood unified in the face of opposition. This unity of purpose is clearly seen from the Revolutionary War to present day operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. It's a direct result of Americans setting aside personal desires and uniting against a common threat for the greater good of our nation and others.

Service before Self — it's bigger than each individual. Thanks for continuing to place Service before Self as we guard the freedoms of America!





AAFES, CHEER offer free movies

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany-Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in conjunction with U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services, will support a Project CHEER initiative by offering free movies at Air Force base theaters during the holidays.

"The Lajes Base Theater will feature the first-run movie Ocean's 12 for our free Project CHEER Christmas showing," said Pat Riordan, Lajes Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager. "This special arrangement allows us to have the movie about 4 weeks prior to our normal schedule."

Project CHEER stands for Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation and is a $USAFE\ special\ interest\ program.$

Its purpose is to provide additional support during the win-

ter months and during holidays for the comm a n d s single and unaccompanied Airmen

"This is a great ini-

tiative to get our single and unaccompanied Airmen out to a free movie with free snacks," said Capt. Sam Elmore, Lajes Project CHEER manager. "You can't beat that."

The movie offer will include

one serving of popcorn and one soda to those attending the scheduled movie.

"This is a great way to support our Airmen during the holiday season," said Mandy SmithNether. Chief, Marketing and Entertainment USAFE Services.

The scheduled movie showings are on the following holidays:

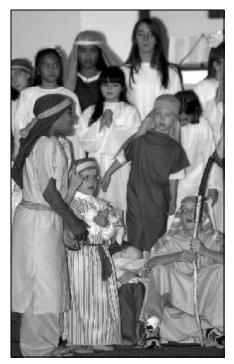
- * Christmas Eve
- * Christmas Day
- * New Year's Eve

* New Year's Day

"Airmen will be able to go to one movie showing per day," said Ms. Smith-Nethercott. "They should call their local the aters to ask for the time of the day the free movie is offered."

The free movie will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, and it's possible for other members of the USAFE community to come and not be excluded from the program.

"The goal of this initiative is to get our Airmen out of the dorms on those holidays and out doing something fun," said Ms. Smith-Nethercott. "We are working very hard to make sure we brighten their holiday moods."







Listen to the voices

(Left) Caleb Knight, son of Stacey and Chaplain (Capt.) David Knight and Tyler Zell, son of Sandy and Capt. Joseph Zell were two of the wise men in the children's cantata Sunday. (Top left) Shepherds Isaiah Parker, son of Master Sgts. Henry and Shannon Parker; and Michael Hoisington, son of Kelly and 1st Lt. Lee Hoisington visit baby Jesus and Joseph, played by Cyrus Uelman, son of Marty and Master Sgt. Kurt Uelman. (Top) Cyrus Uelman, "Joseph," sings during the cantata. The children performed their christmas cantata, "Listen to the Voices," at the base chapel Sunday. (Photos by James O'Rear)

Focus notes

Dodgeball CHEER

A dodgeball tournament is from 4-5 p.m. Saturday at the Chace Fitness Center. Form a six-person co-ed team by today. Call Master Sgt. Michael Schmick at 2-3136 to register.

December Project CHEER

For more information on activities at the Sun & Sand Hut, call Sheryl Bush at 2-4135.

Checkers 6 p.m. Monday at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Arcade games tournament 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Three-on-three volleyball 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Chace Fitness Center.

PlayStation Challenge 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Movie marathon 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26; 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Chess 6 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Single-elimination tournament of champions 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Monopoly 6 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

New Year's Eve potluck party 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Sun & Sand Hut.

Reading contest

Winter storms causing the blues? Visit the base library and sign up for the winter reading contest which runs through Jan. 31. Prizes will be awarded to the person who reads the most books in each of three categories: children up to 11 years old, teens 12-18 years old and adults over 18 years old.

Holiday cookies

The 15th Annual Holiday Cookie Contest is Dec. 17. To enter, submit recipe and

entry form to the library by close of business Wednesday. Judging starts at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17 and prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in youth and adult categories. For more information, call the library at 2-3688.

December Combat Touch

Catholic Penance service is at 7 p.m. Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

The single and unaccompanied member dinner hosted by the Top 3 is at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16.

Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/ Breakfast is at 8 a.m. Dec. 18.

A candlelight service is at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

Christmas Eve Mass is at 11 p.m. Dec. 24.

Christmas Day Mass/Social is at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25.

A Watch Night service is at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 31.



Keep eagle eyes for funny money

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi Chief, public affairs

If it looks like funny money, it probably is. At least, that's the word from base officials here.

According to Capt. Michael Green, 65th Security Forces Squadron commander, a small number of counterfeit American 50 bills have made their way to Lajes.

"Recently, counterfeit U.S. currency was passed at Lajes," Captain Green said. "You can never be sure of the number of bills in circulation or being produced until you catch the responsible party but so far the problem is not yet pervasive."

According to Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, the most common counterfeit bills are the U.S. 50 and 100 dollar bills.

"Many of these are very easy to detect," Colonel Leonard said. "If it looks counterfeit, it very well could be."

Colonel Leonard said people should only accept large-note U.S. currency from trusted

sources such as banks or major cashier cages, and to pay particular attention to large bills.

To check the authenticity of currency, keep the following in mind:

When accepting a U.S. bill look for clear printing. Counterfeit bills are often blurred or appear smudged.

Look for the small blue and red fibers in the paper.

Be sure the front of the bill matches the back.

Pay attention to the edge of the bill for abnormalities, as if it were a document that was sized incorrectly on a copier and the edges are distorted.

If the paper feels funny, don't accept it. Finally, look for bills with recurring or duplicate serial numbers.

If people discover they have a counterfeit bill, officials ask that they don't dispose of or spend it. They should instead call the 65th Security Forces Squadron at 2-3222 or the Office of Special Investigations at 2-4180.

"Some counterfeit bills are better than





The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill (above left) are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit (above right), the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Secret Service website).

others," Captain Green said. "Some will be easy to spot; others will require testing."

For more information on detecting counterfeit money, visit the U.S. Secret Service Web site at www.secretservice.gov/money_detect.shtml.

Lajes gets more AFN

By Staff Sgt. Laura Holzer Det. 6, American Forces Network

People are seeing a change in their TV programming.

AFN Lajes has expanded from five to 10 channels.

People in the dorms, lodging, Beira Mar Housing and base facilities can now watch AFN Prime, Korea, the Pentagon Channel, AFN Family and AFN Movie in addition to AFN Atlantic, Pacific, Spectrum, Sports and News.

Installation starts in January for the Nascer Do Sol and Lower-T housing areas.

"We should be done with Nascer Do Sol and Lower-T in March," said Master Sgt. Roger Warner, 65th Communications Squadron.

"It's all about customer service," said Master Sgt. John Tway, Det. 6, AFN Lajes. "We're excited to provide Lajes with five additional AFN information and entertainment channels."

The AFN channels are free. Additionally, a local cable television provider will offer cable packages once contractors have finished installing the AFN channels. Users can purchase or rent a cable box from the provider and pay a monthly bill.

Contest to fill game void

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi Chief, public affairs

The Super Bowl is an American tradition, and the commercials run during that game have evolved into entertainment as important as the game itself.

Unfortunately for overseas military members, the American Forces Network de-

tachments supporting them with American television can't run the commercials for legal reasons.

So, to bring some fun back into the Super Bowl, Det. 6, AFN Lajes is sponsoring a commercial contest.

"We're asking squadrons to produce a 30-second TV ad about their favorite Combat and Special Interest Program," said Master Sgt. Chris Beckwith, detachment chief. "AFN producers will help

the best five teams film their commercials, and the final products will air on AFN during the Super Bowl."

Teams of about four people will develop their ideas for a 30-second commercial and send the names of team captains/producers to news@lajes.af.mil.

They will get 10 minutes to pitch their ideas to a panel, whose members will en-

sure the messages are on target, tasteful and can be produced within parameters.

"Start brainstorming now," Sergeant Beckwith said.

Members of the panel are 65th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Cathi Durick, Sergeant Beckwith, Staff Sgt. Marty rush, Det. 6, AFN; and Paul Carnley, 65th Civil Engineer Sqauadron deputy com-

Sergeant Beckwith said the panel will pick the top five commercial ideas based on central message, creativity and entertainment value.

The top five will be produced with the help of AFN personnel, and the final products will air on AFN during the Super Bowl. Shoots must be completed within one 3-hour time period - editing time will

be scheduled at AFN. All commercials should be ocmpleted and ready for air by Jan. 25.

"People can vote on the commercials at the Top of the Rock club during the Super Bowl," Sergeant Beckwith said. "Votes are 1 cent each, and all proceeds will go to the LADD van."

Deadline to enter is Dec. 20. For more information, call AFN at 2-3497.



(Above) Mary Therese, host of Operation Season's Greetings, gives Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, letters from elementary school children in Macon, Ga. (Right) Alison Preston and Melinda McGrath, two of the New England Patriots cheerleaders, wave to the crowd at their performance here Dec. 5.









Season's greetings Lajes!

Operation Season's Greetings kicked off its tour at Lajes with a visit from the New England Patriots cheerleaders, and performances by the combined U. S. Air Force Reserve and U.S. Air Forces in Europe bands and Blues Traveler. The tour will visit bases throughout USAFE during the holidays. (Above right) Airman 1st Class Grant Stevens, Det. 6, American Forces Network, has his guitar signed by members of the band Blues Traveler. (Above left) John Popper, singer and harmonica player for Blues Traveler, performs with the USAF Reserve and USAFE bands during the performance Sunday. (Left) The New England Patriots cheerleaders and Blues Traveler signed autographs for fans after the performance. (Photos by James O'Rear)



Safety makes for happy holidays

by Maj. John Roden Chief of safety

Safety is essential when creating that special holiday magic. Whether putting up a Christmas tree, or lighting the Menorah or Kwanzaa candles, a few simple precautions can help make the holidays more joyful and safe.

Christmas trees

The tree is one of the biggest fire hazards of the season. The best way to limit that hazard is to select the freshest tree possible, even if it means modifying decoration planning.

Spot a freshly cut tree by looking for soft, pliable needles and branches. Only a few needles should fall when a fresh tree is thumped firmly stump-first on the ground. It's natural that there will be some brown needles in the center area of a tree near the trunk. They aren't always a sign of a driedout tree.

Store the tree in a cool location at home until it's time to decorate it. Be sure to cut about one inch of wood from the butt end, at a slight angle, before inserting the tree in the stand.

As soon as the tree is set up, fill the reservoir with water or a tree-watering recipe. A half and half mix of 7-Up and water is one popular recipe. Keep the reservoir filled to prevent the tree from becoming water-

locked. If it becomes water-locked it can't absorb moisture and will quickly dry out. Keep the tree away from fireplaces or other heating sources.

When the tree is first put up it will consume a lot of water, then the consumption will slow down to a steady rate. If the reservoir dries out, take the tree down - decorations and all - to re-cut the end of the trunk.

There are safety advantages to selecting an artificial tree, compared to a natural tree. They don't need watering and can be kept from year to year. However, when an older, all-metal artificial tree is used, extra caution is needed since it may conduct electricity from worn-out strings of lights.

Always look for the Underwriters Laboratory tag when shopping for a new artificial tree or electrical decorations. Most artificial trees are made of plastic and should be fire resistant. Apply lights carefully to these trees so that they are not too close to the needles

Lights and candles

Carefully check every string of lights before putting them on the tree. Frayed wires, broken insulation, cracked light receptacles and damaged mounting clips are problems to look for and correct.

Use parallel-wired light strings. These remain lighted if one or more bulbs are burned out. Series-wired strings of lights are old and shouldn't be used.

Be careful not to overload the extension cord to the tree or other decorations. Only three strings of lights should be connected to a single extension cord. It isn't safe to connect several extension cords to only one electrical outlet. Each light bulb uses very little electricity, but many strings of bulbs on several cords can result in an overload and maybe a house fire.

Place the lights on the tree so they do not touch the needles. Bulbs that are in contact with, or too close to the needles can dry them out and may ignite them. Use tinsel made of plastic, not metal foil which conducts electricity. Apply paper and combustible ornaments very carefully on the tree, taking special care to avoid lights.

Turn off tree lights before leaving the tree in an unattended room, going to bed or leaving home.

Don't use fragile ornaments or those with small, detachable parts or metal hooks on lower branches. Also avoid ornaments that look like food or candy.

Keep small ornaments, tinsel, small figurines and other decorations out of reach of children

Keep burning candles out of children's reach. Keep matches and lighters out of sight and locked away. Don't leave burning candles unattended, and never place them near anything that might easily catch fire. Supervise children around the fireplace.

DUI charge doesn't pay

65th Air Base Wing Legal Office

The following Article 15s were completed between Oct.-Nov. of this year:

A senior airman received an Article 15 for disorderly conduct. Punishment was 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman received an Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Punishment was reduction in grade to airman 1st class, restriction to base for 60 days and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant received an Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Punishment was reduction in grade to senior airman, 45 days extra duty, forfeiture of \$945 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Playing with fire



The CV-22 Osprey fires countermeasures out of one of the rear buckets, or storage areas for countermeasures, during a safe-separation test over the precision impact range area here. (Courtesy photo by Kevin Kidd)



Deadline extended for retraining applications

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The deadline for officers to apply for retraining into the space and missile career field has been extended to Jan. 3.

The career field needs an additional 30-40 people. Interested officers must first contact their assignment team to determine if they can be released from their current career field. Applicants must also pass a Class III flying physical.

Most opportunities will be for intercontinental ballistic missile operations duty, but some positions in spacelift/range operations and satellite command and control are also open, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said

Information on the application process and the space and missile career field can be found at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/13S/SPAM%20Home.htm.

Completed packages must arrive at the center by Jan. 3. The package can either be faxed to (210) 565-2295 or DSN 665-2295, or mailed to HQ AFPC/DPAOO1, 550 C St. W., Suite 5, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4707.

For more information, call (210) 565-2646 or DSN 665-2646.

Magazine asks students to write president's address

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Weekly Reader magazine wants to know what its readers would say to the world on Jan. 20, the date President George W. Bush takes the oath of office and gives his second inaugural address.

The school-based educational and news magazine posed that question to its more than 7 million readers for its latest essay contest, titled "My Inaugural Address."

Mia Toschi, Weekly Reader editor, said the magazine wants its readers to voice their opinion on what they would do if they were in the president's shoes and what would they do for the country.

Though she said the contest's aim is to get students to "read, write and do research—that's the ultimate goal of Weekly Reader," she said— she also is hopeful the essays generate opinions on what students, much like the president, feel are important issues affecting the country.

Ms. Toschi said the essay contest, which was announced Dec. 1, will wrap up the magazine's yearlong campaign to teach students about the election process.

She said the campaign began in January with students learning about state caucuses and primaries, and then on to the presidential debates — the magazine sent its own student news correspondents to cover the event.

Ms. Toschi said the words voiced in the winning essays could possibly get the president's ear. She plans to send them to the White House.

The contest is open to students in grades 3 through 12 whether a subscriber or not. Students in Grades 3 to 6 should submit speeches of 200 words or more. Students in Grades 7 to 12 should submit 300 words or more.

All entries must be double-spaced. On the front page, include student's name, address phone number, school name, teacher's e-mail address and the school's phone number. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31.

There will be three grand prize winners and a first, second and third place winner in each grade.

Entries can be sent to: My Inaugural Address, Mia Toschi, Weekly Reader Corporation, 200 First Stamford Place, P.O. Box 120023, Stamford, CT 06912-0023.

Reservist returns bracelet worn in remembrance

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — A reservist here who pledged to keep the memory of a fallen Airman alive for almost 20 years has returned the Vietnam warrior's POW/MIA bracelet to his family after he was finally laid to rest.

Master Sgt. Sheila Couzins, an intelligence analyst in the 445th Operations Support Squadron, purchased a red aluminum bracelet in 1985 outside the base exchange at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, while attending technical school.

Sergeant Couzins chose the bracelet engraved with Chief Master Sgt. Harold Mullins' name because he was an enlisted Airman and he was from Denver, Colo. Similarly, Sergeant Couzins' father was enlisted in the Air Force and had retired from Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

Chief Mullins, a flight engineer assigned to the 4th Air Commando Squadron at Ubon Air Base, Thailand, was aboard an AC-47 Spooky gunship lost on an armed reconnaissance mission over Laos in June 1966.

"Wearing the bracelet started so many conversations. It represented that eventually everyone would be brought home again," Sergeant Couzins said. "The bracelet is a great ice-breaker because I didn't just wear it in uniform, I wore it always."

Though the original bracelet broke nearly 10 years after Sgt. Couzins started wearing it, she continued to carry it in her flight gear.

In 1994, her husband presented her with a silver replica, which she pledged to wear until Chief Mullins' remains had been identified and repatriated.

The wreckage of Chief Mullins' aircraft was discovered in 1994. Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory workers aided in identifying the remains recovered from the crash site.

Eventually, all six members of the ill-fated AC-47 were identified. They were buried at Arlington Cemetery November 5, 2004 with full military honors.

Sergeant Couzins sent the bracelet to Chief Mullins' family upon learning that he had ben found.

Her eyes filled with tears as she said, "I'm very glad I'm able to sent it back to his family and that his family will have closure."

"(It is ironic) that I obtained the bracelet just after joining the military and now I'm retiring it as I am set to retire January 25," Sergeant Couzins said.

She asks people to continue to carry out the tradition and wear POW/MIA remembrance bracelets.

"Public awareness is what keeps the drive going," the sergeant said. "It's a great reminder of what we do and the consequences that our actions can have."

Shoplifting — not worth it

DALLAS (AFPN) — Shoplifting is a crime that could cost a servicemember his or her career and a whole lot of money, too.

"Whatever excuses people come up with to justify their actions, the fact remains that none of them are good enough reasons to risk a career over," said Steve Bass, Army and Air Force Exchange Service loss-prevention manager.

Military exchanges spend millions of dollars each year to foil shoplifters, including measures to deter and detect thefts, Mr. Bass

As a result, AAFES officials apprehend more than 10,000 shoplifters each year who are then turned over to base security and their units for criminal and Uniform Code of Military Justice action.

The Civil Recovery Act, which went into effect March 1, 2002, authorizes AAFES officials to collect a \$200 administrative cost plus the value of the shoplifted items from those caught in an exchange store.

Sponsors are also financially responsible for their family members' actions, under the terms of the AAFES program.

Parents of minors caught shoplifting will be billed for the costs. These administrative charges are separate from any criminal prosecution or military disciplinary action, officials said.

"Unfortunately, when individuals steal, they commit a crime against themselves, their family members, other Soldiers and Airmen, and the military community," said Brig. Gen. Toreaser Steele, AAFES vice commander. "It's a real shame since they are taking money out of the hands of commanders who use the AAFES dividend to improve quality of life (at their bases)."

FYI FEATURE

Cultural names required

restricted from naming their babies certain names in Portugal?

Answer: According to the current Portuguese legislation, the names given to a newborn must be part of a list of names previously approved by the Civil Registration Office.

This is to prevent parents from giving their children foreign names that would not make sense in the Portuguese language and also to preserve our cultural identity.

However, according to the Civil Registration Office, foreign citizens such as members of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian members who temporarily live in Portugal may choose any name for their babies who were born in Portugal.

Those foreign citizens must, however, present a statement issued by their respective embassies or consulates stating the name will be accepted in their origin country, and that the newborn will eventually move to that country later.

The document must also include the parents' professional status and the reason why they are temporarily living in Portugal.



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Read all about it!



Librarian Lori Urfer reads Tuesday's USA Today at the base library. Through a new service provided by Project Wizard, the base library can now print out daily copies of USA Today and the Washington Post newspapers. (Photo by Capt. Yvonne Levardi)



Staff Sgt. Michelle Manjarrez

729th Air Mobility Squadron

Everyday Hero

Rank and name: Staff Sgt.

Michelle Manjarrez

Squadron: 729th Air Mobility Squadron

Duty title: Warehouse NCOIC Job description: Issue, receive and store property for C-17, C-5 and C-141

Time in the Air Force: 9 years (almost 10)

Time at Lajes: 7 months

Spouse/children: Jose and daughter Alaura, 9 months

What's the best aspect of your job: Actually getting to see my contribution to the mission by working closely with maintenance.

What are your career goals: To make Master Sgt. before I retire.

Best Air Force experience: Meeting my husband, and the good friends I have made.

Life goal: To start my own photography studio.

Hometown: Chester, Pa.

One word to describe you: Caring Hobbies: Crocheting, reading,

scrapbooking, photography

Favorite food: Italian (Lasagna) Favorite color: dark metallic purple Pet peeve: People who don't have any driving courtesy.

No one knows I'm: half Thai When I was growing up, I wanted to be: A culinary chef

If I could have only one kind of food, it would be: Lobster tail!

The first thing I would do if I won **a \$1,000,000 is:** buy a new house.



What do you expect of yourself?

By Col. Fred Hannan 65th Medical Group Commander

"When you don't meet your own expectations, you make yourself vulnerable to the will of others." – Tyrone Willingham, Dec. 1, 2004

Being a Georgia Bulldog, I never have liked Notre Dame. In fact, it was Notre Dame that Georgia barely beat for the 1980 national championship of college football.

But on Dec. 1, I became a huge fan of Tyrone Willingham - Notre Dame's head football coach. On that day, Notre Dame fired Coach Willingham.

There are so many good things that can be said about the way Coach Willingham handled his termination: his poise, his acceptance of responsibility for his actions, his unshakeable integrity.

But what I will remember most is the coach's statement regarding personal expectations, probably the most thought-provoking statement from a sports figure to impact me in a long time.

Read the quote above and chew on it for a minute or two... Pretty profound, isn't it?

So, what does it mean to me? How does this profundity apply to us – our country's Airmen? These words caused me to reflect on the path I've taken in service to our

country. The coach's statement caused me to consider the expectations I laid for myself and my success or failure in meeting those expectations. As I pondered, it quickly became clear just how true Coach Willingham's statement is for me and for us.

My expertise as an officer is deliberate planning. I've always been a planner. I manage a daily "to-do" list. On a greater scale, I manage a to-do list for my life, for my family, for our future. In setting these goals, I established expectations for myself that would not only indicate my success in attaining my goals, but would yield some measure of personal satisfaction in my success.

Along the way, there have been times when I did not meet my personal expectations. At those times, I may have accomplished the task, but my own measure of satisfaction with the product was low. In the rush to get things done in our increasingly resource-constrained environment, it can become easy to settle for mediocrity which can be damaging to yourself and others.

Follow this example: Captain Rountuit works as hard as the next officer. She takes her responsibilities seriously and wants to be the best she can be. However, each day, she struggles to get her work done to her satisfaction. She meets her suspenses, but she wishes she had a little more time to

make her products more of a quality for which she can be proud.

She has a performance report due on one of her sharpest troops. This EPR is just one of 12 things she has to do before the end of the day. In a rush, she hurriedly puts some words on paper and enters the EPR into the review process. Others above her are forced to note corrections and recommend improvements to her product.

The next day, she is called into her commander's office for counseling on how to properly write an EPR. She is reminded how absolutely vital it is to take care of those in her charge, her officership is questioned and her reputation is tarnished. Needless to say, she failed to meet her own expectations and made herself vulnerable to others.

We can and should fight mediocrity and refuse to settle for anything below our own expectations. We do this by being true to ourselves and others, by recognizing the expectations of those we serve, and by tirelessly striving for excellence.

Sound familiar? By living our core values, individually, we can look back on our successes with the knowledge that we did the best we could.

Collectively, as Airmen meeting the expectations of our great nation, we will never succumb to the will of others.

Celebrating 101 years of American determination

By Nadia Najdawi Contributing Writer

One idea, many years and hundreds of trials have helped harbor inventions such as electricity, the light bulb, the telegraph, the radio and of course, the airplane.

The airplane wasn't accomplished by a well-known scientist, but instead by two brothers from North Carolina who harvested their determination and collective vision into a 12-second success in American history.

On Dec. 17, 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first successfully sustained and controlled flight with a heavier-than-air, engine-powered aircraft in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The flight lasted only 12 seconds and the aircraft traveled a distance of only 120 feet. Between 1899 and 1905 the Wright Brothers constructed a total of 7 aircraft.

In 2002 President George W. Bush declared Dec. 17 "Wright Brothers Day."

During his proclamation President Bush said, "On Wright Brothers Day, we celebrate the vision and determination of these innovators whose remarkable achievements changed the world forever."

One hundred and one years later this achievement has lead to advances in education, and improvements in national defense and economy.

"The United States remains committed to supporting progress in technology that

secures air travel, enhances our national defense, and ensures the success and prosperity of our country," President Bush said. "Inspired by the extraordinary accomplishments of the Wright brothers, our Nation will continue to explore new ideas, improve technology, and work for a brighter future for all."

Even now, approaching the third year of celebrating this historic achievement, the innovated determination and strength lives on not only in America, but throughout the world.

"Through their courage and willingness to take risks," President Bush said, "the Wright brothers reflect the true American character"

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FITNESS SPORTS



Sports briefs

Fitness events take place at the Chace Fitness Center unless otherwise noted.

Volleyball

A 3-on-3 volleyball tournament for ages 18 and up is Dec. 17. Teams consist of four players. Register by Dec. 13

Strong-arm

A bench press competition for ages 18 and up is at 11 a.m. Jan. 15. There are two lifts at each weight and weight classes for men and women. Register by Jan. 7.

Keep going

An endurance competition is at 9 a.m. Jan. 28 for ages 18 and up. Co-ed teams consist of three people. Register by Jan. 18. For more information on the competitions, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ross at 2-6126.

HAWC fit tip

Want to run faster? Practice going faster on all cardio activities including running, biking, elliptical trainer, etc. Every little bit helps, even if it's just every other lap or for three minutes at a time. For more information, call the Health and Wellness Center at 2-3889.

Shooting hoops

(Above) Terrence Williams, 65th Security Forces Squadron, Ronald Brooks, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, and Ryan Massey, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron wait for the rebound during the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the Chase Fitness Center, Dec 4. (Right) Terrance Williams tries to block Phillip Burns (left), 65th CES, during the tournament. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)



AAFES

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon. - Wed.; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thu. - Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. and Portuguese holidays

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.

Barber shop: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Manicure shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6

Lajes services

p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m. Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Library: 4-9 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.,

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Thrift shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon. and Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri and 1st Saturday of the month.

Vet clinic: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; noon-6 p.m. 1st, 3rd Wed.; 2-8 p.m. 2nd, 4th Wed.

Youth and teen center: 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 7 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Fri.; 8 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Sat.; 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sun.

Dining hall: Breakfast 6-9 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner 4-7 p.m., midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., supper 4-7 p.m., Sat., Sun, midnight meal 11 p.m.-1 a.m., Sat.

Frank's Franks: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lunch 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Specials, with fries or salad and drink: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" 2-topping pizza; Wed., fried shrimp; Thu., 16" 1-topping pizza or taco salad; Fri., lasagna. Pizza specials only come with

Subway: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; noon-6 p.m. Sun.

Top of the Rock club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m., Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets and specials: Mon., Southern buffet; Tue., Mexican buffet: Wed., Italian buffet, family dinner buffet; Thu., Oriental buffet, 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, Prime & Wine dinner; Hoof & Fin dinner special.

Daily Mass: 5:15 p.m. Mon.-

Thu.; 6:30 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m. Sat.; 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Sun.;

Chapel services

Monday

Protestant women's bible study 7 p.m.

Tuesday

AWANA (Cubbies/Sparks/ T&T) 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Protestand men's/women's lunch/study noon; Catholic choir practice 5 p.m.; Protestant youth bible study 5:30 p.m. T-37A; traditional choir practice 6 p.m.; hand bell choir practice 7 p.m.;

Thursday

AWANA (JV/Varsity) 6 p.m.; Gospel choir practice 7 p.m.;

Catholic bible study 7 p.m.

Sunday

Protestant Liturgical Celebration of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.: Catholic religious education 9 a.m.: Protestand traditional service 9 a.m.; Protestand Sunday school 10:30 a.m.; Protestant Gospel service & fellowship noon; Protestand teens/ youth 6 p.m.; RCIA 6:30 p.m.

Today: 7 p.m., "Mr. 3000," rated PG-13 for sexual content and language. Cast includes Bernie Mac and Angela Bassett. Stan Ross retired after making what he thought was his 3,000th base hit, shocking teammates by quitting in the middle of the game, certain his Hall of Fame position was in the bag. It's later discovered that three of his hits during his ten-year career had been disqualified. Known as Mr. 3,000, the 47-year-old, out-of-shape ball player returns to the game seven years later intending to stay only as long as it takes to get the hits he needs, but unexpectedly he rediscovers his love for the game and begins to mentor one of the younger players. 10 p.m., "Team America: World Police," rated R for graphic and sexual humor, violent images and strong language. Animated. Team America follows an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Learning that power-hungry dictator Kim Jong II is out to destroy the world, the team recruits Broadway star Gary Johnston to go undercover. With the help of Team America, Gary manages to slip into an arms dealer's hideout to uncover the plan to destroy the world.

Saturday: 7 p.m., "Surviving Christmas," rated PG-13 for sexual content, language and a brief drug reference. Cast includes Ben Affleck and James Gandolfini. Facing another Christmas alone, Drew decides to go back to his idyllic childhood home to spend the holidays with family. The problem is, the people living there now are not Drew's family Nevertheless Drew has his mind set on an old-fashioned family Christmas, and the fact that the Valcos are complete strangers isn't about to crimp his plans.

Sunday: 2 p.m., "Surviving Christmas," 7 p.m., "Team America: World Police

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Mr. 3000" Thursday: 7 p.m., "Team America: World Police"

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

Men's college basketball: TCU @ Kansas, 5 p.m. PGA Tour: Target World Challenge second round, 9 p.m.

Saturday

College football: Division 1-AA

Championship - James Madison @ William & Marv. 1 a.m. Men's college basketball: SEC – Indiana @ Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.; Big Ten - Standford @ Michigan State, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Men's college basketball: Pac-10 – Utah @ Arizona, 5 p.m. College football: Division 1-AA Championship - Sam Houston State vs Montana, 7 p.m.; Big East – Depaul @ Notre Dame, 9 p.m.

AFN-Sports NBA: Philadelphia 76ers @ Chicago Bulls, midnight; Portland Trail Blazers @ Utah Jazz, 1 p.m. Men's college basketball: Big XII -UAB @ Oklahoma State, 7 a.m.; SEC - Louisville @ Florida, 4 p.m.; Big Ten - Oregon @ Illinois, 6

College football: Division II

Championship - Pittsburgh State vs 2004 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, 10 a.m.

Sunday

Men's college basketball: Pepperdine @ UCLA, 1 p.m. NFL: Cincinnati Bengals @ New England Patriots, 7 p.m.; NY Jets @ Pittsburgh Steelers, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NBA: Sacramento Kings @ Indiana Pacers, midnight NFL: Seattle Seahawks @ Minnesota Vikings, 5 p.m.; Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ San Diego Chargers, 8 p.m.

AFN-Sports

2004 Heisman trophy Presentation, midnight PGA Tour: Target World Challenge - third round, 7 a.m. Boxing: HBO World Champion-ship Boxing – WBC Light Heavyweight Championship: Antonio Tarver vs Glen Johnson.

NFL: Oakland Raiders @ Atlanta Falcons, 5 p.m.; St. Louis Rams @ Carolina Panthers, 8 p.m.; Philadelphia Eagles @ Washington Redskins, 12:30 a.m. (Monday)

Closures/shifts

Limited dining: Dinner service in the dining room at the Top of the Rock club will only be available Dec. 22 and 23 this month due to holiday functions.

Traffic tickets: The security and defense coordination center is under renovation. Until further notice, U.S. people with Air Base No. 4 traffic tickets should see Sra. Sao Santos in Bldg. T-815. For more information, call Ms. Santos at 2-6177 or email her at sao.santos@lajes.af.mil.

Events

BX specials: The Ocean Front base exchange has a jewelry sale from 6-8 p.m. today. A "Santa's Best Friend" sale is at the Flight View Base Exchange Tuesday, and Christmas karaoke is at the Ocean Front BX from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Midnight madness hours for both exchanges are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and 8 p.m.-midnight Dec. 17.

Breakfast with Santa: Have French toast and milk or juice with Santa from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Burger King.

Burger King.
Turkey: The Ocean Front BX
will give away a Cajun turkey at
5 p.m. Monday and Dec. 20. Sign
up there.

Magic show: "Moore magic and More Fun" is at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Lajes Youth Center. For more information, call Sheryl Bush at 2-4135.

Flea market: The next flea markets will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 18 and Jan. 15 at the Lajes Youth Center, Bldg. T-240. For more information, call 2-4135.

Youth bowl: Children ages 5-18 years old can now sign up at the Hillside Lanes bowling center for the youth bowling league that runs Jan. 9-May 8. For more information, call 2-6169

Classes

Making music: Flute lessons are now offered at the community center from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Thirty minute private lessons cost \$40 a month. For more information, call 2-4135.

Portuguese sponsorship: Interested in being a Portuguese sponsor for an incoming American family? The Portuguese sponsorship is from 11 a.m.-noon Dec. 21 at the family support center. For more information, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.



Post office volunteer Anita Martinez hands Lt. Col. Joe Martin a package at the post office. The parcel pickup window is open until 8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. through Dec. 23. The Lajes Post Office receives 25 percent of its annual mail volume in December. People should pick up their parcels in order to make room for more mail to be brought in to the post office. (Photo by James O'Rear)

Sponsors: Sponsorship training is from 10-11 a.m. Dec. 21 at the family support center. Learn the best way to sponsor incoming people to Lajes. For more information, call 2-4138.

TAP class: A transition assistance class will be Wednesday. 17 at the family support center. The three-day class is designed to get people ready for finding a job in the civilian workforce. Although designed for those who are transitioning out of the military, any spouse or family member can also benefit from the workshop. To register, call 2-4138.

Federal jobs: A class on applying for a federal job is from 9 a.m.-noon Monday at the family support center. For more information, call 2-4138.

Red Cross class: A 2-day cardiopulmonary resuscitation/automatic defibrillator class is from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 13-14. For more information, call 2-3516.

Education Center

OU classes: Research in Human Relations, a course in the University of Oklahoma's Master in Human Relations degree, runs Jan. 25-30. Last day to add/drop this course is Dec. 27. The last day to enroll in Internship and IDRs is Dec. 29.

Holiday hours: The University of Oklahoma will be closed Dec. 24, 27-28 and Dec. 30-Jan. 2.

CTC registration: Central Texas College will be holding registration January 3-14 in T-400.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.. Classes offered in term 3 will be Children with Special Needs, Court Systems and Practices and Emergency Medical Technician. Students interested in taking the EMT class must register by Jan. 11 because this class will begin one week prior to all other classes. For more information, call 2-6722.

UMUC hours: The University of Maryland office is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 20-30, closed Dec. 24 and 31. Normal hours will resume Jan. 3.

UMUC online: Register now for UMUC term 3 distance education classes, and make appointments for term 3 onsite registration beginning Dec. 13. For more information, call Kimberly Holzer at 2-4187.

Register late: UMUC and CTC will hold a late-night registration until 7 p.m. on Jan. 12.

STAP: Spouses Tuitions Assistance Program applications are now being accepted for term 3. The deadline for applications is Dec. 30.

Master's class: Research in Human Relations, a course for the University of Oklahoma's Master in Human Relations degree is from Jan. 25-30. Sign up by Dec. 27.

Volunteers/jobs

Service trainer: There is an opening for a temporary training specialist (1 year) to administer a new and high-visibility customer service training program. For

more information, call 2-5200.

NAF jobs: The 65th Services Squadron has jobs open for a Top of the Rock club operations assistant and a temporary position for a recreation aid at outdoor recreation. Apply at the human resources office between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., in Bldg. T-112. For more information, call Zeran Maddox at 2-5200.

Tax help: A contract job for a tax assistance program manager is open through Thursday. The contractor provides information, education and tax preparation services to all DOD personnel. The position runs from Jan. 12-June 1, 2005. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Karin Tjelmeland at 2-3123.

Free car: Volvo, the United Services Organization, the Defense Commissary Agency and C. Lloyd Johnson have teamed up to give away a 2005 Volvo S60 in the USO 2004 Christmas drawing. Also, the commissary will be drawing for a \$50 gift certificate. Sign up through Dec. 22 at the commissary.

Miscellaneous

Gift certificates: The Defense Commissary now has \$25 gift certificates for sale at the customer service office.

Toll-free calls: To dial toll-free numbers via DSN dial 94-809-4-OFF-DSN (809-463-3376), await the second dial tone, dial the tollfree number.

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Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

89 Renault Chamade: \$1500. Available 1 Jan. 4 dr, med sz, stick shift, w/Lajes Plates. New Exhaust, Tires, Battery, Plugs, Clutch... Good Island Car. 295-549-669 or ask for TSgt Mateka @ 2-6319/2-3689.

CAR FOR SALE: 1991 Isuzu Stylus, Black 4 Door/Cylinder, automatic transmission, runs great, some rust. Excellent island car, American specifications. \$1500 or best offer. Available Jan. 12 (negotiable.) Call Randy or Nikki after 5pm at 295-549-550.

Free to a good home: Three adorable, brown-haired, brown-eyed puppies. Someone dumped these poor little guys in Beira Mar Housing. We're PCS'ing and can't keep them. One look at their little tiny wagging tails and you'll fall in love with them! Call John or Melissa at 295-549-715.

For sale: Pro-Form 385 2 HP treadMill, \$250 OBO. Call John or Melissa at 295-549-715.